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SUBJ: NOMINATION OF CHIEF ARMISH- MAAG

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM SHAH THAT MAJ. GEN. DEVOL BRETT, USAF, HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO BE NEXT CHIEF OF ARMISH/ MAAG. CHOICE OF SERVICE REFLECTS SHAH'S OWN PREFERENCE. GEN. BRETT HAS HAD OUTSTANDING CAREER COMBINING EXPERIENCE IN DEPTH IN COMBAT OPERATIONS, COMMAND AND ADMINISTRATION, JOINT SERVICE OPERATIONS, AND POLICY FORMULATION. IN TERMS OF EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES HE IS IN OUR VIEW BEST OFFICER WE COULD NOMINATE FOR THIS POSITION.

2. SUBJECT TO TRAVEL PLANS OF GEN. WILLIAMSON BRETT COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DUTY ABOUT JULY 15, 1973. WE ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO MAKE PUBLIC BRETT ASSIGNMENT BUT WILL INFORM GOI WHEN ASSIGNMENT MAY BE TREATED AS OFFICIAL. AS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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PAST YEARS WE HAVE NO PLANS TO MAKE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HERE, BUT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GOI'S DOING SO AT

THAT TIME.

3. A DETAILED BIOGRAPHY FOR USE WITH SHAH IS SET FORTH IN PARA 4 BELOW. IN VIEW OF SHAH'S INTEREST IN HAVING MAAG CHIEF WITH GROUND FORCES EXPERIENCE, PARTICULARLY IN HELICOPTER OPERATIONS YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM SHAH THAT PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL IN IRAN, BRETT WILL SPEND APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS IN HELICOPTER FLIGHT SCHOOL, AS WELL AS RECEIVING DETAILED BRIEFINGS FROM THE ARMY STAFF IN WASHINGTON AND AT FORT RUCKER. THESE BRIEFINGS WILL FOCUS ON CONCEPTS OF HELICOPTER EMPLOYMENT. BRETT HAS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE, BOTH IN COMBAT AND TRAINING EXERCISES, IN JOINT AIR FORCE AND ARMY TACTICAL OPERATIONS. AFTER THE COMPLETION OF HIS KOREAN COMBAT TOUR IN FIGHTERS, MAINLY CLOSE SUPPORT MISSIONS, HE SERVED IN THE JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER IN SEOUL. HALF OF BRETT'S TOUR IN SEA WAS AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE TACTICAL AIR CONTROL CENTER RESPONSIBLE FOR IN-COUNTRY JOINT OPERATIONS. THE MAJORITY OF HIS FIGHTER MISSIONS (OVER 100 IN THE F-4) WERE IN SUPPORT OF GROUND OPERATIONS. BRETT IS WELL VERSED IN ARMY/ AIR FORCE OPERATIONS AND, WITH THE PLANNED BRIEFINGS AND TRAINING, HE SHOULD BE WELL QUALIFIED IN HELICOPTER OPERATIONS.

4. BIOGRAPHY: MAJ GEN DEVOL BRETT WAS BORN AT THE PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., ON AUGUST 1, 1923, THE SON OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL GEORGE H. BRETT, WHO WAS THE LAST COMMANDER OF THE U. S. ARMY AIR CORPS. GEN. BRETT'S GRANDFATHER WAS ALSO AN ARMY GENERAL WHO SERVED IN THE OUTPOSTS OF THE WESTERN FRONTIER IN THE LAST CENTURY. GEN. BRETT WAS GRADUATED FROM THE US MILITARY ACADEMY WEST POINT, N. Y. IN 1945, AND WAS COMMISSIONED AS A PILOT IN THE U. S. ARMY AIR CORPS. HE RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON, D. C. IN 1966.

GEN. BRETT SERVED WITH THE 79 TH FIGHTER GROUP AND 86 TH FIGHTER WING IN EUROPE FROM 1946-48, AFTER WHICH HE BECAME AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE AIR TACTICAL SCHOOL, TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FLA. DURING THE KOREAN WAR IN AUGUST 1951
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GEN. BRETT JOINED THE 18 TH FIGHTER WING AND FLEW 100 COMBAT MISSIONS IN P-51 AIRCRAFT. HE ALSO SERVED A 7-MONTH TOUR OF DUTY IN THE JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER OF FIFTH AIR FORCE IN SEOUL.

IN AUGUST 1952 GEN. BRETT WAS ASSIGNED AS COMMANDER OF AN F-84 SQUADRON AT LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZ. HE WAS SELECTED IN 1953 TO ATTEND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE STAFF COLLEGE AT BRACKNELL, BERKSHIRE, ENGLAND, FOLLOWING WHICH

HE JOINED THE 79 TH FIGHTER BOMBER SQUADRON AT RAF WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.

IN APRIL 1957 HE WAS ASSIGNED AS COMMANDER OF THE 355 TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON, A F-100 ORGANIZATION, AT MYRTLE BEACH AIR FORCE BASE, S. C. DURING THE NEXT

FIVE YEARS HIS SQUADRON MADE FOUR MAJOR DEPLOYMENTS TO EUROPE AND PARTICIPATED IN BOTH THE LEBANESE CRISIS OF 1958 AND THE BERLIN CRISIS OF 1961.

IN JANUARY 1962 GEN. BRETT WAS ASSIGNED TO TACTICAL AIR COMMAND (TAC) AS COMMANDER OF THE 4452 D STANDARDIZATION AND EVALUATION GROUP AT HEADQUARTERS TAC, LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VA. IN JULY 1964 HE ENTERED THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE AND AFTER GRADUATION IN JUNE 1965 WAS ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AS A MEMBER OF THE OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE.

GENERAL BRETT JOINED THE 12 TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING IN SEPTEMBER 1967 IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO SERVE AS VICE COMMANDER. DURING THIS TOUR OF DUTY, HE FLEW MORE THAN 100 MISSIONS IN F-4 C AIRCRAFT AND WAS SHOT DOWN OVER NORTH VIETNAM BUT WAS RESCUED. IN FEBRUARY 1968 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH AIR FORCE AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE TACTICAL AIR CONTROL CENTER.

GEN. BRETT ASSUMED DUTIES AS COMMANDER 81 ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING, AT RAF BENTWATERS, ENGLAND, IN SEPTEMBER 1968. HE BECAME THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE (USAFE), LINDSEY AIR STATION, GERMANY, IN SEPTEMBER 1969.

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IN SEPTEMBER 1970 GEN. BRETT ASSUMED DUTIES AS THE DIRECTOR, NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA REGION, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS). SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN PLANNING US MILITARY COOPERATION WITH IRAN AND HAS TWICE VISITED IRAN.

HIS MILITARY DECORATIONS AND AWARDS INCLUDE THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL, SILVER STAR, LEGION OF MERIT WITH THREE OAK LEAF CLUSTERS, DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS WITH TWO OAK LEAF CLUSTERS, BRONZE STAR MEDAL, AIR MEDAL WITH SEVEN OAK LEAF CLUSTERS, AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL, ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, PURPLE HEART, AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD RIBBON, REPUBLIC OF KOREA PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION RIBBON, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL, VIETNAM AIR FORCE PILOT WINGS, AND REPUBLIC

OF VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS WITH SILVER STAR.

GENERAL BRETT AND HIS WIFE, MIMI, HAVE A SON, GEORGE
HOWARD, AND A DAUGHTER, KARLA.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE TEMPORARY GRADE OF MAJOR GENERAL
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 1971, WITH DATE OF RANK FEBRUARY 5,
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